

**SAUNDERS' CATALOG.**

W. B. Saunders Company, publishers of Philadelphia and London, have just issued their 1916 eighty-four-page illustrated catalogue. It is a descriptive catalogue telling you just what you will find in their books and showing you by specimen cuts, the type of illustrations used. It is really an index to modern medical literature, describing some 300 titles, including 45 new books and new editions not in former issues. A postal sent to W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, will bring you a copy.

**The Clinics of John H. Murphy, M.D.,** at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. December 1915. Vol. IV, No. 6. Published bi-monthly by W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

**Contents.**

Leukoplakic papilloma of buccal mucosa.  
Recurrent leukoplakic papilloma of buccal mucosa.  
Papilloma of lip and cheek.  
Congenital nasal deformity.  
Carcinoma of maxillary antrum.  
Congenital (thyroglossal duct) sinus of neck.  
Bilateral cervical ribs.  
Osteosarcoma of scapula.  
Osteosarcoma of humerus, recurrent.  
Cicatricial fixation of ulnar nerve in its groove sequential to ancient fracture of olecranon process.  
Hyperflexion fracture of radius and ulna, lower third.  
Extensor contracture of hands following burns.  
Osteitis fibrosa cystica of phalanx of finger.  
Multiple angiomata.  
Biliary calculus impacted at ampulla of Vater.  
Andeocarcinoma of neck of uterus.  
Undescended testicle.  
Congenital luxation of both hips.  
Congenital luxation of hip.  
Old fracture-luxation of right hip-joint.  
Coxa vara (bilateral) due to status lymphaticus hyperthymicus.  
Recent comminuted T-fracture in lower third of femur.  
Recent fracture in lower third of femur.  
Right knee: Luxation with fraying of internal semilunar cartilage and osteophyte.  
Left knee: Hypertrophic osteoarthritis.  
Fracture of internal semilunar cartilage.  
Foreign bodies in knee-joint.  
Sarcoma of popliteal space.

**Syphilis a Modern Problem.** William Allen Pusey, M. D. Pub. by American Medical Assn., Chicago, 1915.

In this little volume the author has been remarkably fortunate in presenting in a concise form the main facts of syphilis in its relation to society.

In the first chapters he deals with the history of the disease, both as to its origin and cause. America is shown to have been the undoubted source from which the malady was introduced into Europe. The growth of the knowledge of the then unknown disease is outlined and the stormy controversies that were waged as to its nature are sketched in statements that are illuminating. Many facts are mentioned that will be sought in vain in more pretentious volumes.

In the chapters following those on history the cause of the disease is discussed and the pathology and prognosis are touched upon. In these chapters the medical reader will meet with surprises, for since the book is ostensibly written for the educated layman it would be natural to suppose that the portion dealing with ordinary clinical facts would be trite and uninteresting to the medical man, but after reading it one must confess that the well known has been so happily stated and so interestingly blended with that which is new that even those already quite familiar with the subject will read and probably reread these chapters with much interest.

Hereditary syphilis and syphilis and marriage are each discussed in a most helpful manner.

In the chapter on prophylaxis the author advocates extensive state care of the secondary syphilis and others in a decided infectious condition. Ample and well regulated facilities should be afforded the public for antisyphilitic treatment. As to personal prophylaxis he unhesitatingly endorses the plan of providing bactericidal ointments for those who are in line for infection.

Taken by and large it may be stated that the reviewer is not acquainted with any book on the subject of syphilis in its relation to the public that can compare with this one in interest and sanity. The author is to be congratulated in having said so much in so few words. The style is positive but not dogmatic, convincing but not argumentative. After perusing the volume one is convinced that he has been in the company of a man who has something to say and who has said it well.

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**SOCIETY REPORTS****ALAMEDA COUNTY.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held at the Hotel Oakland, Tuesday evening, November 16, 1915.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Dr. Hadden, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The following program was presented:

- I. Case Reports.
  1. Duodenal Ulcer.
  2. Cases of Chronic Disease resulting from Obscure Local Infection.
  3. Tuberculous Hip-Joint Disease. Dr. R. T. Stratton.
- II. Case Reports.
  1. Two Cases of Injury of the Thumb. Dr. Henning Koford.
- III. Fracture Records; a National Effort Toward Standardization. Dr. T. W. Huntington, San Francisco.
- IV. Why Corrective Lenses often fail to give Relief in Headaches due to Eye-strain. Dr. Roderick O'Connor.

Dr. Powell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thomas that the Fracture Form of the American Surgical Association as presented by Dr. Huntington be given official recognition by this society and used by its members. Carried.

The secretary read a set of resolutions in regard to the death of Dr. Myra Knox which were adopted as read and ordered placed on the minutes. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ELMER E. BRINCKERHOFF, Secretary.

**CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC SOCIETY—NORTHERN BRANCH.**

The next meeting of the California Pediatric Society (Northern Branch), will be held Thursday evening, February 24, at 8 o'clock, in the County Medical rooms in the Butler Building. The subject of discussion will be reports from the several children's and nose and throat clinics in the city on the results of tonsillectomy. Anyone interested in the subject is welcome. The following reports will be discussed:

Symposium on Tonsillectomy in Relation to Pediatrics.

Report of the clinics of the University of California: Dr. William Palmer Lucas, Dr. Albert J. Houston.

Report of the San Francisco Polyclinic: Dr. Henry Horn, Dr. H. P. Roberts.

Report of Children's Hospital: Dr. Florence M. Holsclaw, Dr. Anna Flynn.

Report of clinics of Stanford University: Dr. Edward N. Sewall, Dr. George D. Lyman.